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## Woodland Hills Woman Sentenced for Mother's Murder

A 27-year-old woman was sentenced today to two consecutive terms of 25 years to life in state prison for the fatal shooting of her mother in Woodland Hills, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Sharon Ransom said Laura L. Purviance pleaded no contest on June 30 to one count of first-degree murder and admitted using a handgun in case LA073342.

On Feb. 13, 2013, Purviance lured her 61-year-old mother, Caroline Purviance, into her bedroom and then shot her in the back of the head, according to evidence presented in court. The defendant then took the victim's car and fled to Oregon where she was arrested two days later, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.